

REMARKS

1. Claim status.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-30 and 32 are pending. Claims 4, 7-8, and 31 are now cancelled. New claim 32 has been added. No new matter has been added.

2. 35 U.S.C. 102(b) Rejections.

Claims 1-3 and 7-31 stand rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Singer (US Patent No. 6,829,207 B1).

Claims 4, 7-8, and 31 are now cancelled. Claims 1 and 30 have been amended, thereby making the U.S.C. 102(b) rejections moot as to these claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled and incorporated into Claim 1. Claims 5-6 have been amended to correct dependencies from now-cancelled Claim 4. Claims 2-3 and 9-29 all depend from amended Claim 1, thus all pending claims are rendered not anticipated by Singer.

Applicant now kindly requests reconsideration of the rejection.

3. Claims Fees.

There is no additional claim fee, as no claims have been added.

The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 120690 as needed for the filing of these documents.

If there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact R'Sue Popowich Caron <RPCaron@lbl.gov> at (510)486-6503 as soon as possible. The patent attorney prosecuting the present office action response, Joseph R. Milner, retires from The Regents of the University of California Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and ceases representation of this case as of June 28, 2007.

If additional fees are required for the filing of these documents, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge or credit an overpayment to Deposit Account No. 120690.

Respectfully submitted,

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